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VOTERS TO CAST BALLOTS IN SAN JOSE CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 7 SPECIAL ELECTION

Preferred Language Survey will be conducted at polls

Voters in San Jose City Council District 7 will cast their ballots Tuesday, September 13th in a special runoff election to fill the district's vacant city council seat.

Polling places will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Election Day. Polling place locations can be found on the cover of the Sample Ballot or online at www.sccvote.org. Voters may also cast their ballots at the Registrars' Office, 1555 Berger Drive, Building 2, San Jose.

Voters are encouraged to check their assigned polling place location before every election and bring their Sample Ballots with them to the polls. Additional information about the election is available at the League of Women Voters' www.smartvoter.org.

Voters who go to the polls will be able to cast their ballots using electronic touch screen voting machines. The touch screen machines are secure, easy-to-use and offer a variety of accessibility features, such as audio voting and multi-lingual ballot information.

The Registrar's Office will begin posting unofficial election results online at www.sccvote.org after 8 p.m. on Election Night. The results will be updated every ten minutes.

Absentee Voting

Absentee ballots must be received by the Registrar of Voters' Office no later than 8 p.m. on Election Day (post marks are not accepted). Absentee ballots can be returned by mail, in person at the Registrar's Office, or at any Santa Clara County polling place on Election Day.

As of Monday morning, the Registrar's Office had issued 7,325 absentee ballots. Of those, approximately 4,100 (56%) had been received.

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Preferred Language Survey

Voters who go to the polls on September 13th will be asked to complete a Preferred Language Survey card. The survey allows voters to choose which one of five targeted languages they prefer to receive election materials (English, Spanish, Vietnamese, Chinese or Tagalog). They can either complete the cards at their polling places and drop them in the ballot box, or they can take them home and return them by mail (no postage is necessary). Absentee voters will be able to indicate their preferred language on their return envelopes.

The Registrar of Voters conducts the survey on an on-going basis at the polls and via mail. Voters can also print the survey from the Registrar's website, www.sccvote.org, or call (866) 430-VOTE [8683] to update their preferred language.

Voters who do not respond to the survey will continue to receive election materials in two languages: English and their current alternate language (for most voters, this is Spanish). Voters who choose English as their preferred language will only receive materials in English. Voters who choose Spanish, Vietnamese, Chinese or Tagalog will receive materials in English and their preferred language.

For more information, contact the Registrar of Voters' Office at:

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